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DLNR CLOSES KULA RESERVE WEEKDAYS FOR ACCESS ROAD REPAIRS

KAHULUI -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources will close the Kula State Forest Reserve to public access on weekdays effective immediately through Friday, July 3.

“We are implementing this temporary closure for public safety reasons while we improve access to the Kula state forest reserve,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “We ask the public’s patience as we make these improvements.”

A culvert will be replaced to minimize heavy rainfall damage to the dirt road and subsequent closures for its repair. This has been a common occurrence in recent wet periods.

In addition, there will be asphalt resurfacing of one mile of the access road. A mile of road was paved several months ago.

The forest will be open to the public on all weekends beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday to Monday at 6 a.m. during this period.

For information call the Division of Forestry and Wildlife at 984-8100.

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25-second rip and read: The Department of Land and Natural Resources will close the Kula forest reserve to public access on weekdays effective immediately through Friday, July 3. The closure is for public safety while road repairs and resurfacing takes place. Gates will be closed and signs posted. DLNR personnel will monitor forest areas. The road will be open on weekends. DLNR thanks the public for their understanding and patience.

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